constant review by the Government in order to ensure that the manufacturing facilities available with the company are adequately utilised.

Animal power to generate electricity

1280. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the 'Times of India' [illegible] dated 17th July, 90, captioned "Animal Power to Generate Electricity" which refers to some aspects of experiments conducted by National Institute for Training and Industrial Engineering for generating electricity by using animal power;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) how does Government view it to solve shortage of electricity in rural areas and use of idle bullock power in the country side?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTAUY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Using Animals To Generate Power" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated July, 16, 1990.

(b) The National Institute for Training in Industrtal Engineering, Bombay has developed a prototype generator which can be run with animal power. By using a pair of bullocks, the generator can charge a battery bank to support a load of about 120 watts for five hours per day.

(c) The utilisation of bullock power for generation of electricity would depend upon further research & development work and field trials to establish the techno-economic viability of the system.

Observance of Guidelines of BPE by oil companies in Assam

1281. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines issued by BPE regarding development of of ancilliary industries are being followed by Indian Oil Limited, Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Assam; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on use of Medicines

1282. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALT AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have warned the people against the use of certain medicines viz. with cloxacillin pain pill, sodium chloride dextrose injection and nitro-furazone cream etc.;

(b) if so, what are the names of such State Governments with background thereof in each case;

(c) whether this warning is also based on 'sub-standard' stuff in these drugs; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the manufacturers in this regard and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) Central Government only has the